THE DEATH-BED.

BY THOMAS HOOD. We watched her breathing thro' the night, Her breathing soft and low, As in her breast the wave of life Kept heaving to and fro!

So sliently we seemed to speak— So slowly moved about! As we had lent her half our powers To ske her living out.

Our very hopes belied our fears— Our fears our hopes belied— We thought her dying when she slept, And sleeping when she died! For when the morn came, dim and sad, And chill with early showers, Her quiet cyclids closed—she had Another morn than ours.

MATRIMONIAL DIFFICULTY.-We transfer entire, from the Columbus Statesman, of the entire, from the Columbus Statesman, of the 9th, the following romantic story: A married couple residing on Friend street, near the Canal, found that, after a few years of connubial felicity, they were the most miserable mortals alive, being unable to agree upon any one point of domestic economy and diplomacy. Their daily cares were sure to culminate in an evening quarrel, and they sometimes astonished each other's probosces with blows, accompanied by the usual mark of their respective distinguished considerations. The maternal relative of the wife, it is said, was mixed up in this family row, and added to the discord by her officious row, and added to the discord by her officious intervention. Finding life disagreeable, and being able to agree upon no other point, they finally concluded to try the last grand experiment together, by jumping into the Scioto. Night before last was the time set for the attempt. A raw and biting air prevailed, but their resolution was fixed, and they descended the bank together, each trying to nerve the other by depreciating his and her courage with bitter words. They reached the bank of the Scioto: hand in hand they stood upon the brink of that abyes which mortality is wont to regard with horror. The air was cold, and so was the with horror. The air was cold, and so was the water—neither was congenial, neither was the existence they were about to leave. This thought was decisive, and they plunged into the water, which was not deep but very cold. The man could swim, and his first impulse on rising to the surface was to strike out for the shore, but he wanted to see what his wife would do. She came sputtering and blowing to the surface, and supposing in the darkness that her lord was at the bottom, called loudly for help, and sank again. When she pext appeared the and sank again. When she next appeared the husband caught her, and they both reached the shore in safety-wet, cold, freezing. Crestfal-len and ashamed of the foolish act, they went home together, negotiated a new treaty of peace, and commenced life anew, satisfied that nothing can be worse than the bottom of the river. There is now a fair prospect of this once unhappy couple going down the hill of life together, quietly and in peace.

THE BRAUTIFUL .- Rev. Henry Ward Beecher wishes the Independent would give to the world—and especially to the religious portion of it—its "ideas upon the extent to which Christians may go in the culture and enjoyment of the Beautiful—how much time and money they may spend in Art consistently with their duty to imitate their Savior in self-denial for the good of the world?" Is not this a living question? The difficulty which many feel on this subject arises from an unworthy notion of the functions of the Beautiful in Art—if the Beautiful is merely a luxury, an element of self-indulgence, to be rarely employed, and almost by stealth, we do not wonder that men have scruples of conscience about it.

But if the Beautiful is designed by God to perform moral functions, if it is an element of

education to those who possess it, and to all who surround them, then the question is simplified, and is no longer this—How much must I expend for public good, and then how much may I use for myself in the enjoyment of Art? but this: How much ought I to expend for public good by means of Art and how much public good by means of Art, and how much by means of other moral instrumentalities? We must put Art into the rank of Educators We must put Art into the rank of Educators, and not Luxuries. It is to be used for our education, for the education of our children, and through the family for the education of the community.—N. Y. Express.

Monals of the Press .- The New York Mercury contains the following pointed remarks on this subject, which are well worthy of perusal:

Fact is said to be "stranger than fiction; but that is not the only quality it possesses in greater power than its imaginative twin. It is also more virtuous-at least, so it would seem from the tenor of the daily press. The morning papers, that stand on unexceptionably lofty moral platforms—that are horrified by the least devotion from the purest thought—that are received into the bosoms of our families to be perused by our faithful wives and our innocent daughters—these saintly messengers of news and politics unblushingly publish, in conspic-uous columns, headed with startling announcements, in alarming type, the most outrageous and shameful occurrences, and see not a particle of harm therein. To be sure they pretend to be newspapers, and to give all the news; but is that any apology for publishing things that no decent person can read aloud?

The Springfield Republican says that even in Massachusetts, where the laws are supposed to be as clear and consistent as in any State, in the attempt to enlarge the legal domain of woman, the statutes are so fixed that a wife is under no legal obligation to get breakfast, sew on ashirt-button, or nurse the baby, even, un-less the husband pays her for it! It trusts that the mere mention of the fact may not make trouble in families and create business for the lawyers; but the illustration of the general inconsistency and imperfection of the law pertaining to women is too good to be omitted, even though such unpleasant conse-quences are risked by disclosing it.

At a hotel in New York, recently, an old gentleman came down stairs and inquired of the clerk whether he had any tallow candles. Being informed that he could be supplied with

tallow-dips, the old gentleman said:
"Then I wish you'd give me some; I want something that I can blow out, for I've been blasting away at that cussed jigger—meaning the gas-burner—till I've no wind left."

The clerk, by spasmodic effort, kept his sountenance, and ordered up a pound of dips

At a recent examination of candidates for teachers, at Xenia, the question was asked "Who inhabited this continent before its discovery by Europeans?" The would-be teacher very gravely replied, "The primitive Puri-tans."

Ike Partington took a notion lately to become a limb of the law. "Never, Ike," said his mother; "I'd sconer see you gasping like a corpus on the mountain's brow than have any body say to me that my son was a Common Councilman."

On the first day of the Sickles trial, one witness said he was disqualified in consequence of the relation he bore to accused. On being asked what that relation was, he stated that he, too,

was a married man. Some one blamed Dr. Marsh for changing his mind. "Well," said he, "that is the difference between a man and a jackass—the jackass can't change his mind, and the man can—it's a

human privilege.' An arch sort of a fellow who conducts a paper in Madison, Wisconsin, says in a recent issue "The police court is idle to-day, a fact which indicates a Republican majority, as but few Democrats are out,"

Already arrangements are being made in Pittaburg for a splendid jubilee on the approach-ing 4th of July. The firemen are foremost in

Aunt Betsey has said many good things; among the rest, that a newspaper is like a wife, because every man should have one of his

A gentleman who died recently bequeathed to his wife a handsome sum, providing in his will that, in case she again married, the sum was to be doubled.

River Intelligence.

The Weather since our last issue has been warm and pleasant, with an alternately clear and cloudy sky, with indications of rain last evening. The River com-menced swelling yesterday, and had gien about eight inches up to last evening. Business on the Levee was pretty brisk in consequence of the number of arri-vals, but the exports were very light. Freight for up river ports is plenty, and the Persia got all the

freight she could handle yesterday.

There is quite a falling off in freights for the South and West, but rates are firm at the following quota-

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES. The arrivals yesterday were the Poland, from Wa oash River, in a damaged condition. The Moderator from St. Louis, and the Dunleith, from Nashville came in both fully leaded. The Landis, from New Orleans, had a fine trip of passengers and freight. The Ohio No. 2 got off for Marietta with a splendid trip, including 100 hhds, tobacco reshipped off the Sam Kirkman. The Moderator passed up for Pitts burg, after taking on a few tuns of freight. The Bay City and Colona left for St. Louis with good trips. The Wenona got off for Nashville, with 300 tuns of

freight. GLEANINGS FROM OUR EXCHANGES. Louisville.—The Courier of yesterday says:

The river is falling fast, with only seven feet nine inches water in the Canal last evening by the mark. On the Falls there were scant five feet steamboat water, or six feet in the pass. Fince Friday evening (forty-eight hours) the river had receded sixteen inches at the head of the Falls. The weather has become quite warm and suttry, with several showers of rain yesterday and the day before, and a prospect of more last night.

From the officers of the E. H. Fairchild, and boatmen passengers on her, who particularly noted the marks along the river, we learn that the river was falling at all points from New Orleans to Cairo. At Seventy-one mile point, on the coast, the river was fully three feet below the highest point attained by the flood of last year, and at Baton Rouge and Bayou Sara the water was nearly four feet below the flood of last year.

At the foot of islands Sixty-asses and Sixty-along. LOUISVILLE. - The Courier of yesterday says:

at roar.

At the foot of islands Sixty-seven and Sixty-sight, just above the Arkansas, the river had been about an inch higher than last year, and that is the only point where the rise this year has exceeded that of the year before.

before.

At Memphis the river was fourteen inches below the high-water mark of last year. At Memphis the river was fourteen inches below the high-water mark of last year.

The Pisck. Varble's new boat was launched from the ship-yard of Richards & Brown, the builders, at the upper ship-yard. She is to be a stout, convenient propeller, to carry the engines formerly in the Silver Moon, and when completed be a complete job-boat, and just the thing wanted in this harbor. She will be fast, light and handy, and will be ready in a few weeks. She is to be built by the enterprise of Pinck, Varble, and should be named Pinck, Varble, The Uniontowa News says the Die Vernou knocked daylight into the wharf-boat at that place, by punching a hole in its side with a spar. A twenty-dollar bill will cover it again.

Lato Ur.—The Die Vernon arrived from St. Louis Saturday morning, and, on account of dull times, Capt. Horton has determined to lay her up awhile. There are but few people traveling West, except scattering members of the Grey family, and they prefer square-moddled, hind-wheel propellers.

STEAMERS LEAVING. The Persia, Jacob Pee and Poland are announced

or Pittsburg this evening. The regular Tuesday packet Liberty, Capt. Booth, leaves for Wheeling at five p. M. The Boston, Capt. Wash. Houshall, leaves for Big Sandy at five P. M. The fine steamer Boslona, Capt. Wm. Mc Lain, leaves for Portsmouth at twelve M with the mail. The Lancaster, Capt. Conner, leaves for Maysville at the same hour. The splendid steamer Telegraph, Capt. Hildreth, is the mail-boat for Louis-ville at noon to-day. The pretty steamer Kentucky, Capt, David, leaves for Madison at the same hour The fine steamer Progress, Capt. Johnson, is loading for the Webash; she leaves on Wednes-day. The J. W. Cheesman, Capt. Ketchum, is the only boat loading for St. Louis in the Expre Line; she is announced to leave to-day. The Lebanon, Capt. Williamson, leaves for St. Louis at four P. M.; Clerk Parker will make passengers at home in her neat cabin. The Kate French, Capts, Caffray and Howe, is loading for Nashvitle. The fine steamer Dunleith, Capt. Enyart, and the Sam Kirk man, Capt. Throop, are also announced for Nashville. The Glendale, Capt. Bugher, leaves for Memphis on Thursday next, her regular day. The Hickman, Capt. Byres, is loading for Arkansas River, and announced to leave to-morrow. The N. W. Thomas Capt. Duble, is the Express-line packet for New Or leans, leaving to-morrow. The Star-line packet Landis will leave on Thursday. The R. F. Sass, Capt. W. B. Phillips, is also loading for New Orleans

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